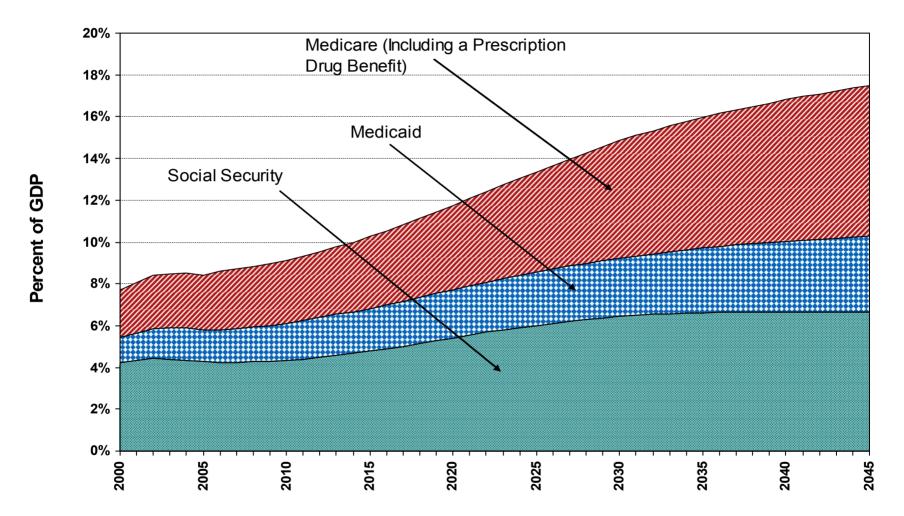
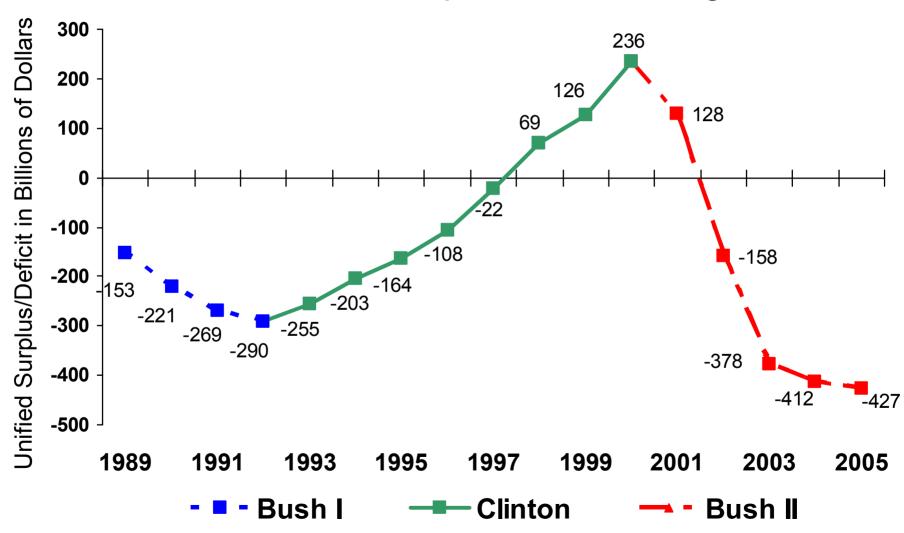
Figure 10:
Medicaid, Medicare, and Social Security are
Expected to Rise Rapidly (2000-2045)



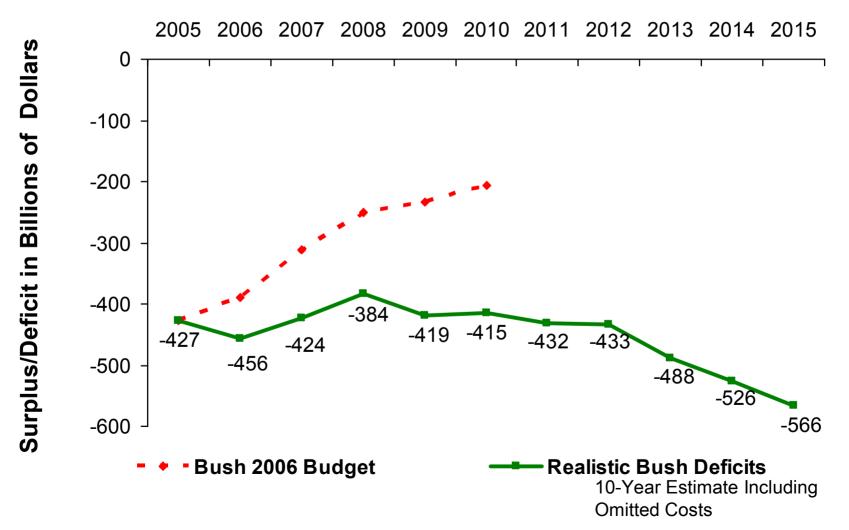
#### **Backsliding Into the Deficit Ditch**

From Deficit to Surplus to Deficit Again



Source: OMB

### More Accurate Estimate Shows Even Bleaker Budget Outlook



# Surplus Declines \$9.4 Trillion 2002 -2011

Unified Budget Surplus, Trillions of Dollars

	2002-2011
January 2001	\$5.610
August 2001	\$3.397
January 2002	\$1.601
August 2002	\$0.336
January 2003	\$0.020
January 2004	\$-2.876
President's FY06 Budget	\$-2.945
Including Omitted Costs	\$-3.750

Source: CBO

### Social Security's Shortfalls

 $Trust\ Fund = \$3.7\ Trillion$ 

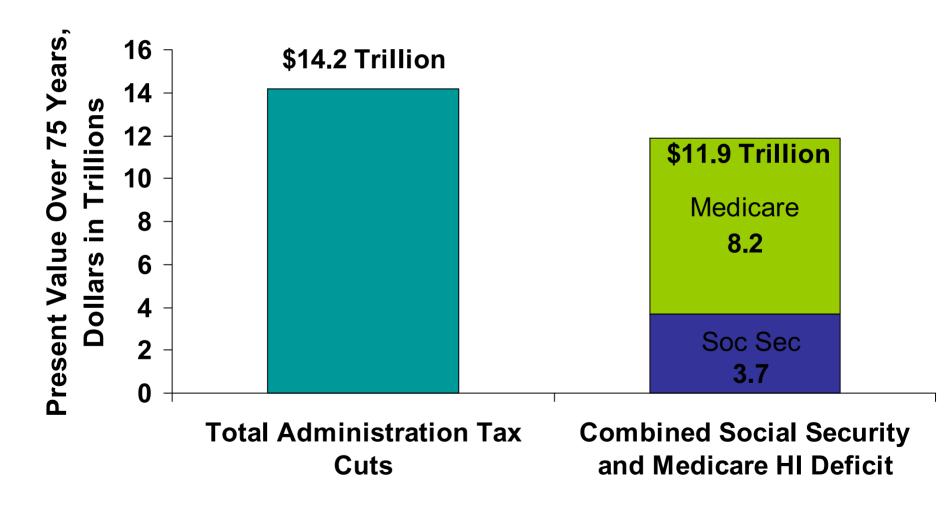
 $Payroll\ Tax = 1.9\ Percentage\ Points$ 

	OASDI as a % of GDP (2079)	Trust Fund Exhaustion Date	Percent of Benefits Payable After Exhaustion
Social Security Trustees	6.4 %	2041	74 %
Congressional Budget Office	6.4%	2052	78 %

# Accounts Hasten Onset of the Problem

	Current Law	Bush SOTU Proposal
Benefits Exceed Tax Revenues	2017	2012
Trust Fund Exhausted	2041	2031
Cash Deficit in 2027	\$202 bln	\$309 bln

# Tax Cuts Larger than Social Security and HI Medicare Deficit Combined



#### **Budget Consequences of Social Security Privatization**

#### President's Plan for Private Accounts, Assuming Benefit Cuts to Achieve Solvency

- **President's Proposal**: Starting in 2009, divert up to 4% of payroll tax (capped at \$1,000 per year) from Social Security trust fund to private accounts.
- Potential Benefit Cut: Index initial benefit formula to prices instead of wages, as recommended by President's Social Security Commission.

#### Results:

-30

Deficits worsen for 40 years, then improve

-143

- Trust fund cash imbalance date
   2012 vs. 2017
- Trust fund exhaustion date2031 vs. 2041

#### First Ten and 20 Years of Plan: Change in Unified Budget Balance (billions of dollars) 2009-2009-2016 2018 2018 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2017 2028

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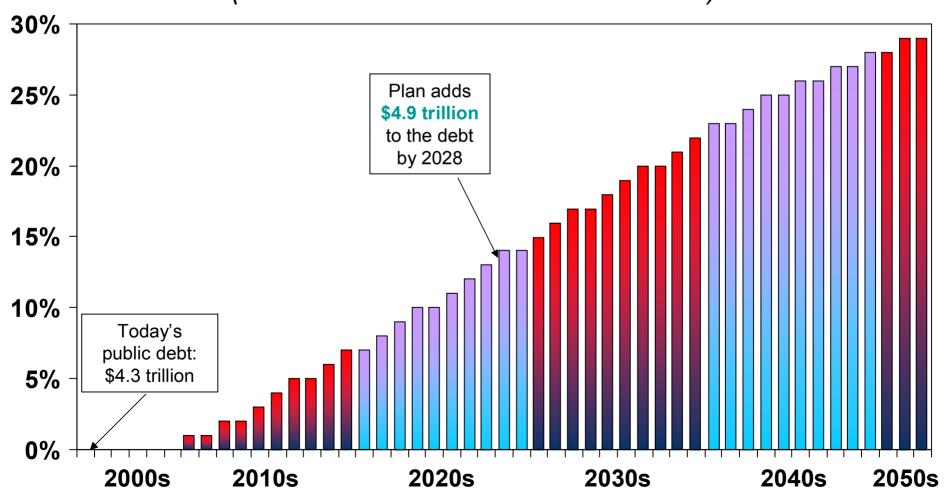
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### President's Social Security Privatization Plan Worsens Debt for Decades to Come

President's Private Account Plan Only, Assuming No Other Changes (Increase in Debt as Percent of GDP)

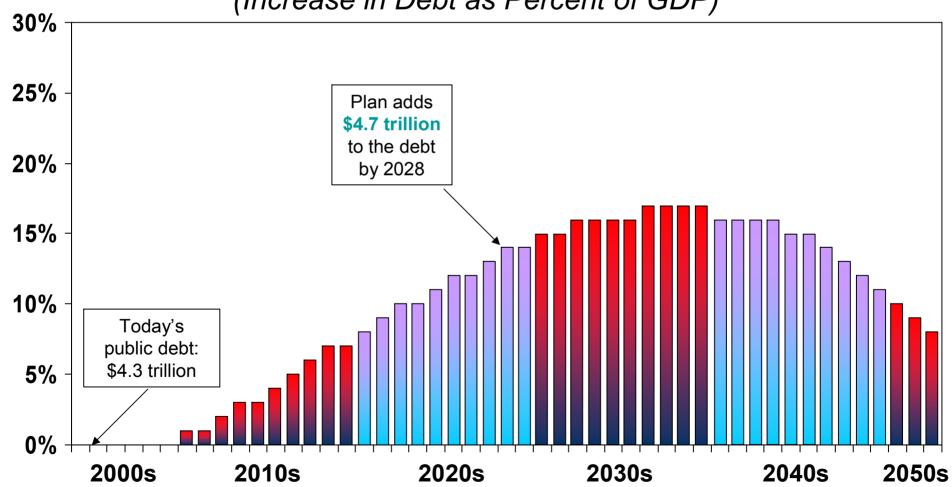


Prepared by the Democratic Staff of the House Budget Committee

Source: CBPP and JEC Democratic staff

## President's Social Security Privatization Plan Worsens Debt for Decades to Come

President's Private Account Plan, Assuming Price-Indexed Benefits (Increase in Debt as Percent of GDP)



### Benefit Cut #1: Repaying the Loan

• If you invest in a 401(k), the entire balance at retirement is yours

- If you divert payroll taxes into private accounts, you must repay Social Security:
  - (1) Principal (money diverted)
  - (2) Interest at 3% above inflation

# Calculation of Initial Social Security Benefit

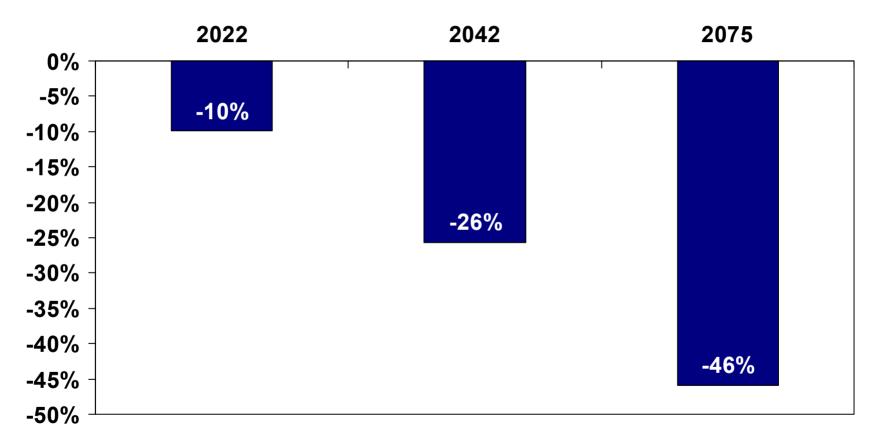
AIME = Average Monthly Income over 35 years

Initial Benefit =

- \* First \$627 of AIME @ 92%
- \* Next \$3,779 of AIME @ 30%
- \* Rest of AIME up to Cap @ 15%
- \* Bend Points Indexed to Wage Growth

#### Benefit Cut #2: Price Indexing

(Benefit Reduction for Average Wage Earner Retiring in Year Shown Below)\*

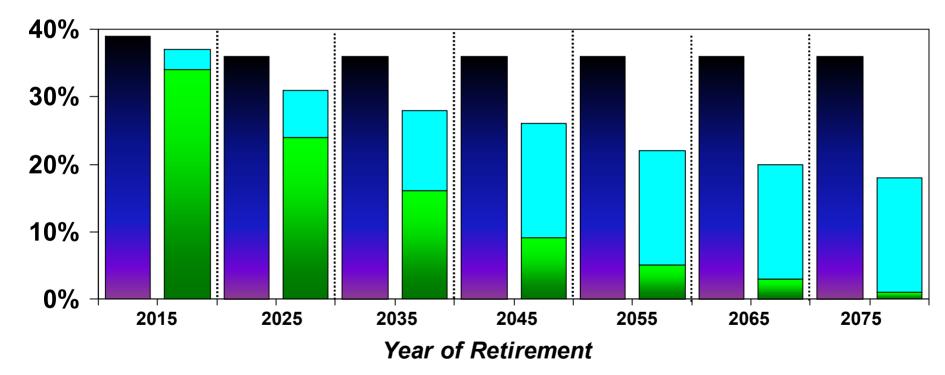


Notes: \* Assumes price indexing begins in 2009.

Source: Social Security Administration, Office of the Chief Actuary, "Estimates of Financial Effects for Three Models Developed by the President's Commission to Strengthen Social Security," January 31, 2002.

## President's Plan Implies Steep Benefit Cuts To Assure Social Security Solvency

Estimated first-year benefits and account annuities for average worker retiring at age 65, expressed as percentage of pre-retirement earnings

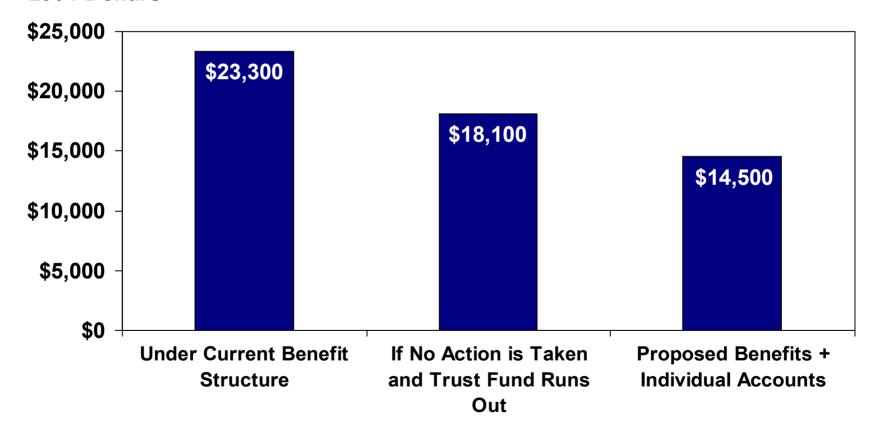


- Current-law Scheduled Benefit
- Private Account Annuity
- Price-Indexed Benefit After Account Offset

## Future Retirees Would Be Better Off With Nothing Than Under Commission Plan

(Average Annual Benefit for Median Wage Earner Born in the 1990s, Retiring at 65)

#### 2004 Dollars



Source: Congressional Budget Office, "Long-Term Analysis of Plan 2 of the President's Commission to Strengthen Social Security," July 21, 2004.

#### **Generational Factors**

#### Younger Americans

- Traditional Benefits Cut Over Time
- Trillions in Debt and Interest to Pay
- Survivor and Disability Benefits Difficult to Fund with Private Accounts

#### Older Americans

Added Borrowing, Swollen Deficits, Cuts in Medicare and Medicaid

#### SOCIAL SECURITY RECIPIENTS BY CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

